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Land Clearers

- Know the law when burning debris from land clearing
- You can be fined for illegal burning



Burn piles must be at least 500 feet from occupied buildings.



Piles must contain only natural vegetative materials and must originate on-site.



Fires must be started after 8 a.m., and new material can't be added after 6 p.m.



Piles must be at least 250 feet from roads when the wind is blowing toward them.



Don't burn on Code Orange, Red or Purple days in areas with air quality forecasts. For forecasts, call 1-888-784-6224 or visit www.ncair.org



You may need a burning permit from the N.C. Forest Service; call 919-857-4801 or visit www.ncforestservice.gov/



Some local governments prohibit outdoor burning.

Smoke from open burning pollutes the air and is unhealthy to breathe. Potential health effects include: lung and eye irritation, headaches, dizziness, asthma attacks, coughing and even death. Recycle or properly dispose waste.

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1-877-OPEN BURN 1-877-673-6287

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